

Welcome and Introduction from the Federal Government – Annotated

What happens before session begins:

9:06 – 9:08 **Welcome from the MIND Institute** - Leonard Abbeduto (Director of MIND Institute)
Jennifer thanks Dr. Leonard Abbeduto for his welcoming remarks. At this time, Sarah Vogel and Dr. Abbeduto will be leaving the stage and Drs. Burke, Birnbaum, and Solomon will come up to the stage. Jennifer introduces Gina Solomon to the podium, by name, title, and institution.

Flow of session:

9:10 – 9:50 **Welcome and Introduction from Federal Government**

Moderator: Gina Solomon

Time Keeper: Jennifer McPartland

Presentations Time Warnings: At 3 minutes, 1 minute, and END

Q&A Time Warnings: At 3 minutes, 1 minute, and END

Gina will,

1) Briefly introduce Dr. Burke and Dr. Birnbaum by name and title:

- *Dr. Thomas Burke, EPA's Science Advisor and Deputy Assistant Administrator;*
and
- *Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director of NIEHS and NTP*

2) *Say that Drs. Burke and Birnbaum will share their perspectives on the new chemical testing initiatives being advanced at their respective agencies.*

Gina welcomes Dr. Burke to the podium.

9:10 – 9:25 *Thomas Burke – Present for 12 min (adding buffer time)*

Gina thanks Dr. Burke and welcomes Dr. Birnbaum to the podium.

9:25 – 9:40 *Linda Birnbaum – Present for 12 min (adding buffer time)*

Gina thanks Dr. Birnbaum and welcomes folks to approach standing mics on either side of the room to ask questions of both speakers.

9:40 – 9:50 *Joint Q&A - 10 min*

Gina ends Q&A.

Gina, Tom, and Linda leave stage.

As Jennifer is thanking Welcome Session moderator and speakers, Tina Bahadori, Rusty Thomas, Keith Houck, and Matt Martin are coming onto stage for the next session.